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Women's Luncheon

The women's luncheon in connec- n with the State Conference has me to be one of the most largely ended and worthwhile occasions on program. This year will be no ception. A unique plan of serving s been worked out by the women First Church. Mrs .Clarence Reid- bach will preside. Mrs. W. T. M. ok, president of the Fellowship of ngregational Women of Southern lifornia and the Southwest, will be roduced and bring greetings. The eaker will be Rev. Howard F. Schom- who made such a hit at the Mid- inter Meetings in Cleveland that rs. W. B. Buckham at once laid claim his services for the women's ncheon. Following the address on slands and Bridgeheads of Christian- ," he will show kodachrome ctures.

LIMAX BANQUET

The banquet will certainly be one the high points in the program of e forthcoming Conference. It will st $2.00, but the church can ac- mmodate only 400 people. Quotas ve been mailed to the nearby urches, and delegates and ministers the outlying churches should send eir reservations well ahead of time d pick up the tickets at once on rival.

Moderator Donald F. Gaylord will eside. There will be community ging and other special music. Pil- im Fellowship officers will be intro- ced, as will the new Superintendent Southern California and the South- st, Rev. Jesse F. Perrin. The occa- n for which we have been waiting ll be the address by Rev. Sidney Berry on "Congregationalism ound the World." This will be in th a first-hand report growing out his far-flung travels.

LEASE REGISTER

Please remember that there are two nds of delegates: first, voting dele- tes, which includes those who are gularly elected from the churches d the ministers who have standing the Conference and our Associa- ns. The number of voting delegates m a church, in most cases, does not ual the quota of delegates for which gistration fees are expected. The otas are to ensure much larger at- ndance than a delegated body would ve, and a registration fee of $1.00 everyone helps to cover the heavy sts of travel expense for speakers d for delegates who must come long stances. Mrs. Esther Ericson and iss Pauline Louie will be at a special sk to receive registrations.

Churches are asked to send the stubs registration cards with money cov- ng their quotas well in advance. elegates should present their regis- tion cards to secure program, badge, eaf of reports, and, where needed, ckers for windshields to avoid being ed for over-parking.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

One wonders if the Northern California Congregational Conference ever before has been able to present to its ministers and people so rich a program as that which they will enjoy at the 96th session which will meet at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 23, 24, 25.

Starting immediately after some opening exercises and business will be Rev. Howard F. Schomer speaking on "Our Hope in Present Day Europe," and no one knows the subject better than he. On the same afternoon the Church Development Committee and the Church Extension Committee, under the leadership of Rev. John C. Mickle and Rev. Ed Cunningham, will be making their presentations with the assistance of Rev. Rowland H. Dow of Alturas, Rev. Robert L. Carlson of Hillcrest, Rev. Gifford M. Webster of Mira Vista, Rev. Karl E. Olson of San Francisco Pilgrim, Rev. Frank B. Loper of Modesto, and Rev. John C. Carroll of West San Jose.

After a half hour of music, Friday evening, there will be two major addresses. Rev. Ray Gibbons, statesmanlike leader of the C.S.A., will speak on "Christian Action for a World in Crisis," and Supt. Harley H. Gill will give his final superintendent's address, on the theme, "I Put Thee in Remembrance."

Saturday morning starts out with an hour of panel discussion on "Specific Social Action Programs for the Local Church," with Mr. Arthur O. Pritchard, Jr., chairman, and the Committee on Social Action together with Rev. Ray Gibbons of the national body. At 11:00 o'clock Rev. Ralph V. Conard will speak on "Strengthening the Things That Remain," and immediately following will be "Our Christian World Mission" half hour with Rev. Benton S. Gaskell as chairman, assisted by Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, and Rev. William E. McCormack.

At noon on Saturday there will be the Women's Luncheon and the Men's Luncheon, notice of which is given elsewhere.

In the afternoon, upon assembling, the Christian Education Department with Rev. George W. Lindsay presiding will present a report of our work among children, young people, families, and the story of our great Cazadero camp.

Saturday evening will be devoted to the Conference banquet, and more about that in another column.

On Sunday morning many of our delegates will be worshiping with various churches in the Bay area, but there will be two Conference services in the host church, Rev. Howard F. Schomer preaching at the 9:45 service on "Torches in Our Dark Streets," and Rev. Sidney M. Berry of London at the 11:00 o'clock service on "The Kingdom of God and the Individual."

The closing session will come Sunday afternoon at 2:30. There will be music by the A Cappella Choir of the Technical High School of Oakland. President Stuart LeRoy Anderson will tell the story of the Pacific School of Religion, with the theme, "Seed Beds of the Church." Dr. Vere V. Loper, Moderator of the General Council, will lift our eyes to "The Glow of Far Horizons."

Rev. Gordon L. Foster, beloved pastor of the Mill Valley Community Church and a part of our own fellowship, will be the chaplain for the Conference. On Friday afternoon our thoughts will be guided to where "The Higher Gain Appears." At the close of the Saturday morning session he will tell us of "Seed Laid Deep in Sacred Soil," and will lead in the observance of the Lord's Supper and in a service of memory for five ministers who have passed on since the 1951 session of the Conference. On Sunday afternoon at the very end he will send us away "To Serve the Days We Cannot See."

Laymen To Gather

Mr. John H. Finger, president of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Northern California Congregational Conference, will preside at the luncheon for men (both laymen and ministers). This luncheon will be at 12:30 and at the Blue Triangle Club, corner-wise across from the First Congregational Church at 26th and Harrison Streets. Mr. Otto C. Knudsen, president of the Laymen's Fellowship of Southern California and the Southwest, will be a guest and will be introduced. The national Moderator, Rev. Vere V. Loper, will give a brief report on the urgent issues which the Council for Social Action and the General Council are facing, and Rev. Ray Gibbons, director of the Council for Social Action, will speak on "The Laymen's Gospel." This will be an outstanding occasion for laymen to hear the story which is causing nationwide discussion about Social Action.

WHO'S DOING IT?

The Program Committee, which has so magnificently planned for the three days of the Conference meeting, has been headed by the Moderator, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord. Working with him has been Mrs. Holland F. Burr for the Federation of Congregational Women; Mr. John H. Finger, president of the Laymen's Fellowship of Northern California; Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, pastor of the Cloverdale Church; Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, pastor of the entertaining church; Director of Christian Education, Rev. George W. Lindsay; Pastor-at-Large, Rev. Ralph V. Conard; and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

Mrs. George Thomson is the chairman of arrangements of the local committee. Miss Mary Seely will handle publicity, and Miss Laura Shields is caring for the banquet ticket quotas.

FINE MUSIC

First Congregational Church, Oakland, is arranging special music for the enjoyment of the Conference. Mr. David B. Schaub will be organist to start off the afternoon session on Friday. He will again be at the organ Friday evening while the choir presents a half hour of music under the direction of Mr. Harold C. Youngberg. On Saturday evening at the banquet Mr. Youngberg will lead in community singing and Mrs. Carol Peters will sing a group of contralto solos. The choir will, of course, have its usual place in the two Sunday morning services, and Sunday afternoon there will be a half hour of music by the Oakland Technical High School a cappella choir, with Mr. Cece Enlow as director.

PFers, TOO!

Pilgrim Fellowship young people will have a part in the Conference. Officers will be introduced at the banquet. They will gather for a special rally on Sunday afternoon, attending the full closing session and then continue with their own program, which will include a special address by Rev. Howard F. Schomer of Europe on "Building a New World—the Hard Way."

Please, This Time!

A word about those meals at the Conference. For once, why cannot we shock everyone into silence by doing the thing which we all know we ought to do and doing it on time?

There will be three meals served at the church during the Conference and one at the nearby YWCA Blue Triangle Club.

On Friday evening, just to ease the jam at the nearby restaurants, the church will serve the first 150 who buy tickets, at $1.50. Others must go elsewhere. There will be no program at the tables.

Saturday noon, there will be the two luncheons, one for women and one for men. The women's luncheon will be at the church and will cost $1.50. The Federation of Congregational Women will be pushing attendance. Reservations by name must be in by Wednesday, the 21st, and tickets picked up immediately upon arrival. People who make reservations must pay for the same whether they arrive or not. The same plan and price obtain for the men's luncheon, which will be corner-wise across the street at the Blue Triangle Club.

The price of banquet tickets will be $2.00. Tickets for this occasion will be handled differently. Quotas have been given to churches within easy driving distance. Churches that have not received quotas will make reservations in advance by name for the banquet, just as they do for the other meals. A few more than 100 tickets have been reserved for them. They, too, must be picked up immediately on arrival.

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REV. GIROGAS S. FARAJIAN

Rev. Girogos S. Farajian, pastor of our church at Parlier, passed away on April 21, 1952. His death was quite sudden and resulted from a heart attack. At the time of his passing he was not only pastor at Parlier but president of the Armenian Evangelical Union of California. He was born November 2, 1896, in Sis, Turkey. He was educated in Congregational schools in the Near East.

During World War I he was in military service and became a war prisoner. Later on he was pastor in Sis, and then was again a war prisoner in Smyrna. At one time he was teacher in Athens and assistant pastor. After graduating from theological school he became pastor in Cairo, Egypt, and later in Thessaloniki, Greece. From 1938 to 1947 he was pastor again in Athens and director of Church Schools. He then received a call from the Parlier church, arriving December 1, 1947.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, also by his mother and two brothers, the mother and one brother living in Bagdad and the other in Livingston, California.

You are hereby introduced to the interior of the Fellowship Hall of the new Hillcrest Church. The Fellowship Hall is for the time being also the sanctuary and the dining room. In fact, it is "an all-purpose room." Aside from this one room, there is a small kitchen, a pstor's study, and 3 Sunday School classrooms. This hall is well filled each Sunday for church services. The Sunday School is gaining about 10 enrollments each week. The hall and the 3 classrooms and the kitchen and the vestibule are jammed for the Sunday School, and then the 3 classrooms are again filled at the time of the church services.

What is to be done? Well, this new church has a courageous answer. Although the building was dedicated in February and pledges from members will not all be paid until the end of this year, in June there is to be another campaign for $25,000 to build 12 church school rooms, 12 by 18 feet each. Those who still have pledges will be asked to increase if possible and at least continue for a 24-month period beyond next January. The large number of new members, and the church has doubled in the last 3 months, will make pledges for a 30-month period beginning July.

Rev. Robert L. Carlson, pastor, announces that a building committee and a building fund committee have already been appointed and are at work. The church has an excellent choir, and by the way, do not our readers think that this Fellowship Hall is both a place of splendid utility and an inspiration for worship?

ROBERT WELLS CARLSON ARRIVES

Robert Wells Carlson has arrived. He was a little ahead of time, so he only weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces, but he is lusty, attractive, and healthy. He has an older sister, whose nose may be a little out of joint, but with her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, of Hillcrest, is really very happy.

A carefully worked out list of hotels appears on the printed program. Hotel capacities in Oakland are small for a city of that size. This means that reservations should be made without delay and, let it be noted, a deposit sent with the application.

GERMAN CONFERENCE MEETS AT LODI

The California German Conference met in the Ebenezer Church, Lodi, on May 2, 3, and 4. Attendance was very fine and the program of a high order. Visiting speakers, in addition to the pastors of the German churches, were Rev. Elmer S. Freeman of the Board of Home Missions and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Officers for the coming year will be as follows: Moderator, Rev. Carl F. Brost; Registrar, Rev. Carl J. Maier; Treasurer, Mr. Jack Heinrich.

The brand new film which our churches will be using and enjoying this coming autumn will be shown twice during the State Conference, so that delegates may choose. Its first showing will be following the close of the Friday evening session, and the second showing following the banquet program. It is entitled "More for Peace," and is reported as more entertaining and inspiring than either of its predecessors, "Second Chance" and "A Wonderful Life."

Do you want to be tagged for overparking while attending the Conference? The Oakland Police Department is willing to permit reasonable overparking if cars belonging to delegates have the special Conference sticker on the windshield. These stickers can be gotten at the registration desk, but only by delegates who have paid their registration fee.

The Oakland Tourist and Convention Bureau, a department of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, is cooperating in physical arrangements for the State Conference. They are providing the very attractive printed program. They are also furnishing badges and will give assistance in the matter of registration. Our gratitude to the Bureau and its manager, Mr. Howard S. Sipe.

Steinbrink Decision Reversed Four To One

The Steinbrink decision has been reversed and the judgment has been lifted by a four to one reversal in the next higher court. It will be remembered that the Cadman Memorial Congregational Society and Church of Brooklyn, in behalf of themselves and other churches, brought suit to forbid the merger of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church according to the Basis of Union which had been adopted by the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the General Synod of the E & R Church, and by very substantial votes of our state Conferences, Associations, and members. Justice Steinbrink had gone much farther in this decision and judgment than the settling of the issues involved in forbidding the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches from taking any steps looking toward a merger with any denomination except by individual vote of each several church. This totally ignored a movement for operating together which our churches had developed through the years and the keen interest which they had evinced in the cause of Christian union.

There could be only one answer to the far-reaching decision of the Judge and that was an appeal. The decision has been reversed by a vote of four to one both on the law and the facts, together with costs, and the complaint has been dismissed.

We quote from the opinion and judgment: ". . . In controversies such as this, ecclesiastical or doctrinal questions may be inquired into only insofar as it may be necessary to do so to determine the civil or property rights of the parties. The civil courts do not interfere with ecclesiastical matters in which temporal rights are not involved. Plaintiffs have failed to establish any right or interest in or to the funds and other assets which plaintiffs asserted were held in trust, which requires or permits a determination of the ecclesiastical issues presented."

Whether or not the churches and individuals that carried this matter into court in the first place will make a further appeal has not been announced. It is hoped that at the General Council meeting in June some plans may be developed which will increase concord and ensure progress toward the ends to which we have been committed.

A THIRD OF THE YEAR

A good healthy gain in the first four months of 1952 over a like period in 1951 is indicated by the totals noted below. Not enough, however, to lead us to suppose that the goals for the year will be met, but many things can happen in the remaining eight months. By our careful attention, we can reach those goals.

	Appt. Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, '51	Appt. Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, '5
Alameda	$ 442.20	$ 385.3
Alturas	129.26	10.0
Angels Camp	50.00	100.0
Antioch	268.29	576.9
Auburn	100.00	115.0
Benicia	95.00	38.0
Berkeley, Arlington	293.91	533.4
Chinese	14.50	42.0
First	4,100.25	4,590.6
North	458.05	435.3
Northbrae	400.00	400.0
South	392.00	389.7
Biola	49.92	—
Campbell	439.15	250.0
Cedarville	41.70	81.1
Cloverdale	—	25.0
Concord, Hillcrest	88.87	44.6
Cotati	39.11	9.2
Crockett	67.09	105.8
Eagleville	65.58	17.6
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	25.00	78.4
Elk Grove	77.38	72.3
Etna	63.14	130.0
Eureka	300.79	292.2
Fairfax	72.65	117.5
Ferndale	49.60	34.9
Fowler	75.00	—
Fresno, First	1,233.89	1,610.4
Free Cross	284.44	—
Japanese	47.50	229.8
Pilgrim Armen.	250.00	—
Glen Ellen	42.75	—
Guerneville	120.10	151.3
Hayward	500.00	600.0
Kenwood	13.60	5.3
La Selva Beach	53.00	31.8
Lodi, First	1,072.54	741.5
Loleta	13.07	8.3
Loomis	—	100.0
Los Gatos, Skyland	—	27.8
Martinez	790.36	366.5
Modesto	25.40	47.2
Murphys	—	68.0
Niles	—	50.0
Oakland, First	2,050.00	2,250.0
Fruitvale	—	92.1
Japanese	12.00	—
New Pilgrim	186.57	141.6
Plymouth	892.53	823.1
Orinda	416.64	570.7
Oroville	351.70	639.0
Palo Alto	2,059.65	1,695.1
Paradise	269.00	255.0
Parlier	—	10.0
Penngrove	—	9.7
Pescadero	—	5.0
Petaluma	404.59	489.7
Pittsburg	142.11	132.2
Porterville	750.00	750.0
Redwood City	489.39	658.5
Rio Vista	—	12.0
Ripon	90.52	235.9
Sacramento, First	1,500.00	845.6
Oak Park	—	36.4
Sierra Arden	150.00	166.6
Salida	19.25	50.0
San Carlos	710.00	740.0
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. P'k	66.00	38.0
Calvary Armen.	50.00	—
Chinese	13.83	—
First	605.82	524.1
Park Presidio	233.88	444.1
Pilgrim	61.53	102.8
St. John's	40.68	71.0
Sanger	43.04	28.9
San Jose	703.13	743.6
San Leandro	149.47	30.4
San Lorenzo	—	150.0
San Mateo	1,400.00	1,900.0
San Rafael	—	111.2
Santa Cruz	321.49	490.5
Santa Rosa	99.63	131.6
Saratoga	173.84	363.9
Sebastopol	279.99	437.3
Sonoma	142.57	50.0
Soquel	70.09	90.6
Stockton	590.50	679.7
Suisun	67.10	143.7
Sunnyvale	24.30	112.2
Sunol	88.50	117.3
Tulare	561.00	460.0
Weaverville	50.00	135.6
Woodside	201.00	81.9
Reno, Nevada	168.58	212.8
Pilgrim Fellowship	1,567.10	923.1
Miscellaneous	166.00	174.8
	$31,078.11	$32,202.6

FAIRFAX—This church has joined the growing list of churches sending The Pacific to all the families of the church. Rev. James W. Montgomery sent a card to each family announcing the coming of the paper.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

ENTEN GAINS

The Easter season was a great season our churches. Instead of having a ws item for each church telling of ter accessions, which we would not e room for, we are showing a re- t as a result of a postcard poll. A l of 905 were received by confes- n and an even 1700 total. What a ndid achievement. It ought to se us all to feel encouraged and ng for the future. Yes, Easter was ainy day, in some places it really rmed, but churches were crowded t the same, some of them two and ee times. We should not overlook fact that more than 600 babies and y children were consecrated by their ents in Christian baptism.

	Rec'd on Confession	Total Rec'd	Infant Baptisms
meda	5	6	6
uras	18	52	11
gels Camp	—	—	2
tioch	10	14	6
icia	4	6	2
keley, Chinese	—	4	—
First	18	60	32
North	16	36	8
South Com.	12	15	1
la	15	18	5
npbell	8	16	22
verdale	1	6	6
ncord, Hillcrest	8	12	8
Grove	13	20	6
rfax	11	17	1
vler	12	14	7
sno, First	48	102	39
Free Cross	58	58	8
Japanese	4	5	11
Pilgrim	14	15	23
erneville	—	2	2
yward	75	122	33
nwood	2	2	—
di, Ebenezer	43	43	—
First	4	18	4
rtinez	32	37	15
desto	1	7	1
rphys	1	1	—
kland, Beth. Arm.	10	10	3
First	37	85	27
Fruitvale	2	2	5
Japanese	5	6	1
New Pilgrim	6	10	12
Plymouth	15	22	8
inda	16	31	9
oville	15	17	8
lo Alto	8	25	12
radise	5	18	1
rlier	—	—	1
nngrove	—	—	3
taluma	14	22	16
tsburg	19	26	15
rterville	14	15	11
dwood City	2	17	13
o Vista	4	4	10
pon	16	24	9
cramento, Pioneer	7	41	12
Sierra Arden	—	52	—
lida	3	5	4
n Francisco—			
Calvary Arm.	—	—	8
Chinese	9	19	10
First	13	45	1
Pilgrim	30	45	7
St. John's	27	35	2
nger	9	9	—
n Jose	18	50	—
n Leandro	33	56	30
n Lorenzo	22	26	10
n Mateo	43	80	19
nta Cruz	27	27	14
nta Rosa	2	5	2
ratoga	9	20	8
noma	3	3	5
ckton	10	38	18
isun	—	—	4
nol	4	10	—
lare	8	14	8
eaverville	10	28	12
odside	22	26	5
no, Nevada	18	24	2
	905	1,700	604

SEBASTOPOL — Rev. Raymond eeble has for the past two years been nducting a class in philosophy at e high school evening classes. New nd very beautiful pews have been stalled. They are made of natural nish solid oak and were manufactured ght in Sebastopol. Maundy Thurs- ay, Good Friday, and Easter sunrise rvices were held in cooperation with e Methodist Church. Mr. Keeble as resigned to take effect at an early ate in order to complete studies to- ard a doctor's degree at Pacific chool of Religion.

Ministers attending young people's convention of the German-speaking churches; reading from left to right: Rev. Carl J. Maier, pastor, Fresno Free Cross Church; Rev. Edward Hildebrand, formerly pastor of the Salem Church at Sanger; Rev. Carl F. Brost, pastor, Ebenezer Church of Lodi; Superintendent Harley H. Gill; Rev. Philip Reich, pastor of German Church at Biola; Rev. O. J. Tiede, interim pastor of Zion Church, Fresno; Rev. Edward Grauman, Portland, Oregon, Field Secretary of German Churches for the Northwest.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY—Founders' Day will be observed on June 15 with Rev. Arthur D. Gray of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Chicago, preaching the sermon. He is chairman of the Executive Committee of our General Council. A reception will be held following the service, and dinner will be served the same day to those who make reservations in advance. The eighth anniversary of the Community Center was celebrated on April 27, with a capacity audience for the program at the Lincoln School auditorium. Mrs. C. R. Claiborne, the director, reports more than 11,000 persons attending Center activities during the past year. Rev. John C. Mickle, Rev. Fred S. Stripp, and Rev. Ernest W. Houlding are pastors.

HAYWARD—At a recent congregational meeting it was unanimously decided to move ahead with plans for an additional building for church school use, especially at the pre-school level. Two complete church schools are now in operation each Sunday morning. A "Clothing for Korea" drive has become a continuing program. Bundles are distributed by a member of the church now in Korea. Fifteen hundred people attended the morning services during Easter. Pilgrim Fellowship and Junior Fellowship will have two retreats at Cazadero during May. Rev. Richard Norberg and Rev. Verne Robinson are pastors.

SARATOGA — Each Sunday evening during Lent there was a service sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship with guest ministers giving the message and a youth choir of 40 voices furnishing music. On Good Friday evening, the adult choir rendered Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. A committee is studying the problem of how to care for 25 activities a week, a crowded church school, and a large church attendance with the present plant. Rev. Gordon L. King is pastor.

SANGER—The Salem Church at Sanger has called Rev. Edwin Gutjahr from Fairfax, South Dakota, to begin his work in June. Rev. Edward Hildebrand, former pastor, who is now doing welfare work in Tulare County, will make his home in Visalia.

SUNOL — The new kitchen has been completed and furnished with gas range, hot water heater, dishes, and silverware. All work on the new social hall is now done. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker is pastor.

WEST SAN JOSE—Just about the time our readers are wading through this issue of The Pacific Rev. and Mrs. John C. Carroll will be taking up their residence on Peachtree Lane in San Jose, to begin this brand new project. They will have three hundred families, whose names are now on our lists, to be interviewed. The new house was purchased by the Conference. The Sponsoring Committee, which will act as a board of directors for the project until the church is organized, consists of Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Mr. Herbert C. Jones, Mr. Eugene Schroeder, Rev. Corwin H. Olds, Miss Amy B. Coe, Mrs. David Curry, Rev. Ed Cunningham, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, Rev. Ira D. Black, and Rev. Harley H. Gill.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — This church joined in five ecumenical dinner meetings during Lent with the Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, St. Mark's Evangelical and Reformed Church, First Christian Church, and the First Unitarian Church. Speakers, which included Rev. Phillip G. Murray, used as their theme, "What I Believe." Plymouth Center is being redecorated and a memorial flower garden is planned. A new Men's Club is under way. The Bayview Villa Community Center is being assisted. On Palm Sunday fourteen children were baptized.

OROVILLE—The Pilgrim College Age Fellowship has founded a library for church and community, specializing in religious materials not usually available in public libraries. Three hundred books have thus far been donated and a large room in the church is being redecorated and refurnished for the purpose. The same group will print a book on the Growth of Christianity in a Rugged Mining Town. The library will be named for Rev. B. N. Seymour, who founded the church. Rev. Charles M. Spencer is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST—Rev. and Mrs. Ronald I. Hargis have accepted the call of this church to head up educational work, commencing September first. Both young people are well trained educationally and have had experience in educational work and in the pastorate. The Fresno church had more than two thousand people present at the three morning services on Easter. Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor, has been ordered by his physician to go on a minimum schedule of work during May.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM—New flags and hymn-boards have been purchased and two rooms for Sunday School and church office have been renovated and remodeled. The interior of the sanctuary has been re-decorated and the exterior of the social hall repainted. New steel chairs have been purchased and a restaurant-size range for the kitchen. The Church School is growing steadily, as is attendance at church services. Rev. Richard R. Diede is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY—Great progress has been made toward a new church building. The beginning of a financial campaign was authorized to begin May 4. Sixty thousand dollars is the goal, which, with proceeds from the sale of the old building, it is hoped, will make possible building in the new location, at least to get a first unit and temporary sanctuary. The church is sponsoring an Ethnic German family. Rev. Gale W. Engle is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST — On Palm Sunday both morning services were given over to the choir, which sang Bach's "Jesu, Priceless Treasure." Eighty-five new members joined the church at a communion service in the afternoon. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach conducted a Good Friday noonday service at the YWCA and also gave a meditation the same afternoon at the union service of downtown churches.

PALO ALTO—Within 48 hours from the beginning of the building fund campaign which began April 27, $115,000 was received in cash and pledges. Returns still to come in are expected to bring the total up to the goal of $175,000. This fund is to enable the church to build an entirely new building in a new location in Palo Alto. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday is the pastor.

PORTERVILLE—The union Good Friday service was held in this church with 7 pastors sharing. The May Day Interchurch Fellowship Luncheon was also held in the Congregational Church. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor, is one of the leaders in the Laymen's Institute held in Shafter. The Easter offering amounted to more than $600.

SUISUN—Rev. Gerald A. Larue has been asked to continue as pastor of this church for the coming year or at least until such time as he might be asked to undertake a professorship in his chosen line of Old Testament teaching. On Easter Sunday the congregation crowded the church and the annex to capacity.

AUBURN—The Church School is tithing its income for the year, sending the tithe for missions in addition to the pledge of the church. A total of 38 members have been received so far this year. There is to be a new chancel arrangement, provided for by the Easter offering. Rev. William F. Keeney is pastor.

WEAVERVILLE — Truly wonderful services were held on Easter and during the week preceding under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Girdner. Attendance on Palm Sunday was 95 and on Easter 210.. The sunrise service was held on a nearby hill. The floors of the sanctuary had been done over and helped to make the building very attractive.

FRESNO, ZION—After a long interval without a pastor, Rev. George Kissler of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been called and will begin in June. Rev. O. J. Tiede has been giving splendid service to the church.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next gathering of Congregational Women will be at the state conference held in First Congregational Church, Oakland, California. The Women's Luncheon will be Saturday, May 24.

ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

Broadmoor women were the gracious hostesses to the Federation Women at their annual meeting in the church at San Leandro on Thursday, April 17, 1952. Three hundred women and a few brave men were present to enjoy their hospitality.

Annual reports were given by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor following the greetings and hearty welcome expressed by Mrs. H. B. Graham, president of the Woman's Society of the Broadmoor Church.

Mrs. David H. Gill, of Sacramento, presented the Association Presidents, who came to a very informal gathering at the invitation of Mrs. Eugene Huggins, of the Sacramento Association. They talked over the work of the local groups in each area and spoke of their accomplishments along different lines. They were a little troubled because they had not received the reports which are needed to make up the material to go into the Year Book. Several new church buildings were spoken of and the work the women are doing in getting them equipped. All in all, they felt it had been a good year and that the women in the local groups are busily engaged in very worthwhile projects for their own churches and for the wider fellowship.

Following the report of the Nominating Committee made by Mrs. James Cooper, Mrs. Gail Cleland, of Berkeley, was elected president, and Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, of Oakland, and Mrs. Elsie Ream, of Paradise, the vice-presidents. Mrs. Philip Murray installed the officers in a very appropriate service. As a part of the installation service, Mrs. Wallace Jack sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Zimmers was the accompanist. (See list of officers elsewhere.)

The morning address was given by Rev. T. Christie Innes, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. He spoke very eloquently on the subject, "The Danger to Religious Liberty in America." He quoted highest authorities on the rules and regulations of the submission by men to the bishop of Rome for their salvation. He spoke of the work of the Catholic hierarchy for the last hundred years trying to get public money for private schools in spite of the policy of the U. S. in regard to the separation of church and state. He believes that the situation is exceedingly serious as to a national issue. Are we going to allow one denomination to win its issues on so many different levels?

Mrs. J. H. McCartney presided over the luncheon period which proved to be the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Micronesian Mission of the American Board. The women of the Broadmoor Church carried out the theme on their beautiful lunch tables. A film, "Land of the Morning Stars," was shown, and in the afternoon session Rev. Holland F. Burr, who with Mrs. Burr had visited Hawaii last summer, was the speaker of the afternoon. In his address, "Stepping Stones in the Pacific," he told of the going out of the missionaries to Hawaii in 1820 and of the wonderful response to the message. By 1850 the work had been taken over by the Hawaiian people to such an extent that the American Board was thinking of withdrawing its missionaries, but the Hawaiian people wanted to share their "good news" with their neighbors across the seas in the islands of the South Pacific. So in 1851 four American Board missionaries and five Hawaiian missionaries went to Kusaie, arriving in 1852. They carried with them a remarkable letter from King Kamehameha III of Hawaii, in which he highly recommended the missionaries and the "Way of Life" which they brought. It is a wonderful story, and it is recommended that you celebrate this centenary in your group this year.

Following along with this theme, Mrs. Stuart LeRoy Anderson had planned a most novel method of presenting the reports of our Federation Secretaries. She transported us to Kusaie, where two very attractive native women were making preparations for a visit from Mrs. W. B. Buckham, of Northern California. She arrived and brought the most recent invention, television, as a gift to them, so that they might see the secretaries of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California as they made their reports for the year just past. (This, too, is recommended as a program in your local group.)

Rev. J. H. McCartney, of the host church, led the closing devotions. He remarked that he knew a lot more about Micronesia than he had when he came. Someone had said that he knew one person who thought Micronesia was a disease. Mr. McCartney replied, "Oh, it is! I know some women who have it."

In closing he stated that we are joining with the Christians in Micronesia at the time of their centenary celebration in rededicating ourselves to that which makes life more worth living.

(Editor's Note: With this issue, Pacific bids farewell to Mrs. E. B. Kientz as correspondent for the Federation of Congregational Women. She has served faithfully for a long time and brought to the women of our state interesting and vivid accounts of Federation meetings and of progress being made within our churches. Beginning with the June issue, the correspondent will be Mrs. John Harrison, of the Pilgrim Church of San Francisco.)

Please keep this list of officers for reference until the Year Book comes out. The remainder of the list will be in the next issue.

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TEACHERS' LAB SCHOOL

An unusual opportunity for training of church school teachers will be open this summer through the Laboratory Training School to be held at San Mateo Congregational Church, June 23 to 28. There, under laboratory conditions provided by the Vacation Church School of the San Mateo Church, teachers will have an opportunity to learn new skills of their part-time profession. Miss Grace Storm, the national Children's work Secretary of our fellowship, will be the special resource leader for the school. She will be assisted by an able corps of departmental teacher-instructors. Cost of the school will be $6 for teachers, $3 for their children. Housing will be supplied by San Mateo churches, and breakfast and lunch will be served at the Congregational Church at a reasonable price. The school is under the joint sponsorship of the Peninsula Council of Churches and our Conference Church School Committee, of which the Rev. Herbert Dimock is chairman.

MR. CONARD IN MODOC

Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor-at-large of the Conference, is in Modoc County working with Rev. Rowland H. Dow in making a demonstration of how a staff of ministers might work in a larger parish. Rev. C. A. McCalmon is continuing his work at Cedarville, at least for the time being. Mr. Conard's presence in Modoc County will make it possible to carry forward the work at Eagleville and to serve a new interested group of people at Fort Bidwell and perhaps to hold occasional services at Likely and other points. There is to be a conference with Rev. Wesley Hotchkiss during the latter part of June in which it is hoped that all the churches of Modoc County will unite in a larger parish, elect a council, and take steps toward securing a staff of workers that will make possible religious work of a unified character throughout the county.

The Southern California Conference will be represented by fraternal delegates at our annual meeting, including Supt. Jesse F. Perrin, Mrs. W. T. M. Cook, president of the Women's Fellowship, Mr. Otto Knudsen, chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship, and Mrs. Knudsen.

INCOMPLETE LIST COUNCIL DELEGATES

The list of delegates or membe of the General Council chosen by th various units within our Associatio is nearing completion. The Germa Conference will have made its selectio at its meeting at Lodi on May 3 an 4, but that may be too late to b included in this list; likewise with th San Mateo Church Unit in the San Clara Association and Units 2 and of the Bay Association. The Confe ence, itself, will elect its five delegat at the annual meeting on May 2 Otherwise the list now stands follows:

Rev. Harley H. Gill, Superintendent.

Bay Association: Unit 1, Mr. Clarenc Buskirk, 187 Arlington Avenu Berkeley; Unit 4, Rev. Karl E. O son, 144 Broad Street, San Franci co 25; Unit 5, Dr. Hoh Yam-ton 1917 Addison Street, Berkeley Unit 6, Rev. Philip G. Murra 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oaklan 11; Unit 7, Mr. Charles C. McGo egal, Sunol; Unit 8, Mr. C. R. Fov ler, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley

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RIPON — The Youth Fellowshi sponsored an Easter Sunrise Servic which drew 100 people. The congre gation overflowed the building in th regular Easter service, and what is even greater significance, the churc was filled to capacity on the Sunda after Easter. Rev. George W. Linc say preached on April 27 and remai ed for a Pilgrim Fellowship rally i the evening. Rev. C. W. Kirkpatric is pastor.

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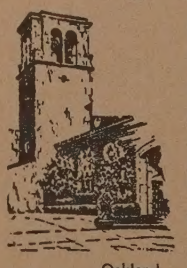

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